26. PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY NAMING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain the Board's approval to one new right of way name. (See **attachment**)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The approval of proposed new road and right of way names is delegated to Community Boards.
- 3. The Subdivision officer has checked the proposed name against the Council's road name database to ensure it will not be confused with names currently in use.

283-293E WOODHAM ROAD

There is an existing right of way situated in Woodham Road that was created in the early 1970's. At this time the right of way served two residential properties and the tennis club. In 2004, the use of the right of way increased to eleven allotments. Later that year, approval was given to the addition Elderly Persons Housing on three of the allotments, increasing the usage currently to sixteen dwellings gaining access via the right of way.

There are limited property numbers available to allocate to the new dwellings, they are currently numbered as follows: 283; 283A, B and C; 285; 285A, B, C and D; 287; 287B; 293A, B, C, D and E. It is not clear why the available numbers 289 and 291 Woodham Road were not used, however their use would not have significantly lessened the problems being experienced by the residents.

The residents have complained that the lack of property numbers available has created problems for them with misdirected mail, deliveries unable to find them and visitors experiencing difficulty. As well as being a right of way, the access also serves a residential complex. Council's policy is to restrict the use of ".....Lane" for private rights of way and the use of ".....Court or Courts" for residential complexes. This access can therefore be suffixed as either "Lane", "Court" or "Courts". The residents and users of the right of way have requested the name "Woodham Courts" be used, feeling this would clearly identify their location, as well as providing each dwelling with a unique property number.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There is no financial cost to the Council. The administration fee for road naming is included as part of the subdivision consent application fee, and the cost of name plate manufacture is charged direct to the developer.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

5. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Council has a statutory obligation to approve names.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Yes. There are no legal implications.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Where proposed road names have a possibility of being confused with names in use already, consultation is held with Land Information New Zealand and New Zealand Post. Where a Maori name is proposed, Ngai Tahu are consulted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the name "**Woodham Courts**" for the right of way at 283-293E Woodham Road.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.